

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

First, I would like the community to know how excited I am to be your new Police Chief. I am looking forward to a long career here in Alton. The year 2009 has been a year of change and growth for the Alton Police Department. During the year the Department hired three new Patrol Officers and a new Dispatcher. Officer Sean Sullivan, a twenty-year veteran officer is our new SRO. Officer Michael Beauchamp and Officer Scott Corbett are new patrolmen, both with several years of police experience. Tina Hashem has come on aboard as our new Dispatcher.

This past year we have focused on fine tuning all of the existing services we provide to the community. We have addressed training, equipment, and personnel needs to carry out these services without delay or confusion. The Department has a very well rounded and well trained team of officers. We will continue honing our skills and teamwork this year while slowly adding additional programs. The first program we are introducing is our Alton Explorers Post. This program will help connect our officers and community members with the areas youth.

During these difficult economic times we tend to see a rise in thefts and property related crimes of opportunity. Our goal is to increase area patrol coverage and create a large police presence in the community. This will help deter offenders from targeting our town and secluded areas.

The Alton Police Department has come a long way over the past few years because of the support the community has given us. I encourage residents to voice concerns or provide suggestions at any time. These suggestions and constructive criticisms help us to evaluate the services we provide and the need for additional services to be implemented.

Respectfully Submitted

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